

**FRIDAY MARCH 16, 2007 MEETING  
STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
AGRIBUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**The New Democratic Majority and Political Trends in South  
America: Implications for International Trade and Commerce**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Agribusiness Committee of the Business Law Section of The State Bar of California (“Committee”) was duly held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2007 at the offices of Rynn & Janowsky, LLP, 4100 Newport Place Drive, Suite 700, Newport Beach, California.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Steve Tripp and Bart Botta, Committee Co-Chairs. The following people were present at the meeting: Steve Tripp, Bart Botta, April Pearson, Dave LaRiviere, Elise O’Brien, Jason, Resnick, Jeff Kichaven, and Angel Iglesias.

The Committee started with the educational presentation. The speakers for this meeting were William W. Monning, J.D. and F. David LaRiviere. The presentation was entitled, “The New Democratic Majority and Political Trends in South America: Implications for International Trade and Commerce.” Some of the key issues that were discussed in Mr. Monning’s PowerPoint presentation involved the recent election of a Democratic Party majority in Congress, the pending expiration of the President’s trade negotiating authority, and how political trends in South America combine to influence business and trade relations with South American governments and businesses.

The meeting was then temporarily adjourned so that the members of the Committee and all guests could have lunch. The meeting was reconvened for the purpose of completing the remaining presentation scheduled for the day, which was given by F.

David LaRiviere more specifically on intellectual property rights in South America, and issues involving these rights. Another question and answer period followed the conclusion of this part of the presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bart M. Botta  
Co-Chair and Meeting Recording Secretary